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 Hybrid Meeting Agenda #7

Note on the Governance Organ Elections for 2022-2023

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUIRED

Members of the Assembly will be invited to:

Elect three Contributing Members to serve on the Council for 2022-2023

Re-elect the President of the Assembly for 2022-2023

Members of the Council will be invited to:

Reappoint four Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council for 2022-2023

Re-elect the Chair of the Council for 2022-2023

Elect Members of the MPSC for 2022-2023

Other

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

Two Contributing Members’ terms on the Council (United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom) will end on December 31, 2021, and one Contributing Member seat on the Council was not filled at the Assembly and Council Joint Session in 2020. Thus, there are three Contributing Member seats on the Council for election.

Furthermore, the first two-year terms of three (out of five) Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council will end on December 31, 2021, and all three current Expert/Non-State Actor Members, Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, Ms. Maria Kiwanuka, and Dr. Pepukaye Bardouille, have expressed their interest in serving a second term on the Council.

Regarding the re-election of the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council, Members of the MPSC at its Thirteenth Meeting in June 2021 unanimously recommended that Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the 8th Secretary General of the United Nations and the current President and Chair of GGGI, serve a third term as President and Chair and as Expert/Non-State Actor Member. GGGI consulted the proposal with the President and Chair, to which he confirmed his interest in re-election. Subsequent to the unanimous recommendation from the MPSC, the Assembly and the Council is asked to consider the reappointment of Mr. Ban Ki-moon as Expert/Non-State Actor Member of the Council and re-election as President and Chair for the term of 2022-2023.

SUMMARY

Elections and appointments will take place on October 28, 2021 during Agenda 7 in the following order:

- a. The Assembly will elect **three Contributing Members to serve on the Council** for 2022-2023;
- b. The Council will reappoint up to **four Expert/Non-State Actors to serve on the Council** for 2022-2023;
- c. The Assembly and the Council will re-elect **one President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council** to serve for the term of 2022-2023; and
- d. The Council will appoint **Members of the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC)** for 2022-2023.

GGGI invites expressions of interests from Members to serve one or more of the above seats for Contributing Members and MPSC. Please submit your expressions of interest in written form to governance@gggi.org by **October 22, 2021**.

Note on the Governance Organ Elections for 2022-2023

I. Purpose

1. The purpose of this document is to inform Members on the upcoming elections of governance organs to take place at the hybrid meeting of the 10th Session of the Assembly and 14th Session of the Council (Joint Session) on October 28, 2021, and to invite expressions of interest to serve on the Council and the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC) in 2022-2023.
2. The following elections and appointments will take place in the following order:
 - a. The Assembly will elect **three Contributing Members to serve on the Council** for the term of 2022-2023;
 - b. The Council will reappoint **four Expert/Non-State Actors to serve on the Council** for the term of 2022-2023;
 - c. The Assembly and the Council will re-elect **one President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council** to serve for the term of 2022-2023¹; and
 - d. The Council will appoint **Members of the Management and Program Sub-Committee (MPSC)** for the term of 2022-2023.
 - If the MPSC is formed at the Joint Session, and expressions of interest have been made, the Secretariat will facilitate a meeting for newly-appointed MPSC Members to hold consultations and decide on the MPSC Co-Chairs and Audit Contact Points for 2022-2023.
3. GGGI looks forward to receiving expressions of interest from Members to serve one or more of the above seats for Contributing Members and MPSC in written form to governance@gggi.org **by October 22, 2021.**

II. Election of Contributing Members to the Council

4. **Members of the Assembly will be asked to elect three Contributing Members to the Council for 2022-2023. Contributing Members are invited to express their interest to serve as a Contributing Member of the Council for 2022-2023.**
5. The Agreement on the Establishment² of GGGI provides that the Council shall consist of no more than seventeen Members, as follows:
 - a. Five Contributing Members³ elected by the Assembly;
 - b. Five Participating Members elected by the Assembly;
 - c. Five Experts or Non-State Actors who can contribute substantially to the objectives of the GGGI, appointed by the Council;
 - d. The host country, which shall have a permanent seat on the Council; and
 - e. The Director-General without a voting right.

¹ Rule 9(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [A/4/DC/2] states, “The President and Vice-President may be elected from among members as well as non-state actor and expert members of the Council.” Also, as part of Governance Reforms of GGGI, the Council decided that the Members of the Bureau of the Council will be the same members as the Bureau of the Assembly [C/6/DC/6] at the Sixth Session of the Council in November 2014.

² Article 8(2) of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI [LINK]

³ Article 3(a) of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI [LINK] defines Contributing Member as “a Member of the GGGI that has provided a multi-year financial contribution of core funding of no less than 15 million USD over three years or 10 million USD over the first two years.”

6. There is a total of three Contributing Member seats on the Council that need to be filled at the elections on October 28, 2021. The terms of United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom will end on December 31, 2021, and there is one vacancy that was not filled in the previous elections in October 2020.
7. Contributing Members available for the 2022-2023 term are Australia, Indonesia, Norway, and the United Arab Emirates. Among the two Contributing Members whose current terms on the Council will end on December 31, 2021, the United Kingdom is currently serving its second consecutive terms on the Council. Members of the Council are eligible in principle to serve up to two consecutive terms.⁴
8. It is the function of the Assembly to “elect members to the Council, in accordance with Article 8.2, and considering the principle of rotation⁵.” Governance organ elections have, to date, customarily been held as a consensus decision by the Assembly and/or the Council. Should consensus not be possible, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Assembly and/or Council (for details on election procedure, see Annex).⁶
9. Members are advised to give due consideration to the following criteria for the election of Members to serve on the Council:
 - a. Geographic balance: For the composition of the Council to reflect GGGI’s membership base geographically and give consideration of the Council’s role in membership expansion activities. Information on the composition of the Assembly by geographic distribution can be found at [LINK](#).
 - b. Country vulnerability-level balance: To ensure the alignment of the composition of the Council with GGGI’s commitment, as outlined in the Strategy 2030 implementation Roadmap, and to balance operations in vulnerable countries—Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Land-Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDSs) and Middle-Income Countries (MICs). Information on the composition of the Assembly by country vulnerability and income level can be found at [LINK](#).
10. For details on the list of Members and number of terms on the Council in 2012-2021, see [LINK](#).

III. Reappointment of Four Expert/Non-State Actor Member Seats

11. **Members of the Council are invited to reappoint four Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council for 2022-2023.**
12. On December 31, 2021, the current terms of three Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council will end, namely: Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, Ms. Maria Kiwanuka, and Ms. Pepukaye Bardouille. These Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council will have completed their first two-year term on the Council, and they are eligible to serve up to two consecutive terms, unless otherwise decided by the Council⁷. Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, Ms. Maria Kiwanuka, and Dr. Pepukaye Bardouille expressed their wish to serve a second term on the Council as Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council.
13. Furthermore, on February 19, 2022, the term of Mr. Ban Ki-moon as Expert/Non-State Actor

⁴ Rule 49(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [[A/4/DC/2](#)]

⁵ Article 7(5)(a) of the Agreement on the Establishment of GGGI [[LINK](#)]

⁶ Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [[A/4/DC/2](#)]

⁷ Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council [[C/8/DC/2](#)]

Member of the Council (and President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council) will end. The MPSC, at its 13th Meeting in June 2021, unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council for Mr. Ban Ki-moon to serve a third term as Expert/Non-State Actor Member of the Council and President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council. The governing rules allow the Council to approve an Expert/Non-State Actor to serve a third term on the Council⁸ and there is no limit on the number of terms serving as President and Chair.

14. Prospective Experts and Non-State Actor Members shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with Article 8.2(c) of the Agreement.⁹
15. For the list of Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council since 2012, see [LINK](#).

IV. President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council

16. **Members of the Assembly and the Council will be invited to decide on the re-election of Mr. Ban Ki-moon as President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council for the term of 2022-2023.**
17. The second two-year term of Mr. Ban Ki-moon as President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council will end on February 19, 2022, together with his second term as Expert/Non-State Actor Member of the Council.
18. Governing rules state that Presidents of the Assembly shall be elected from among Members as well as Expert/Non-State Actor Members of the Council¹⁰, and the Council decided in 2014 that members of the Bureau of the Council will be the same as members of the Bureau of the Assembly.¹¹
19. For a list of the Presidents of the Assembly and Chairs of the Council since 2012, see [LINK](#).

V. Management and Program Sub-Committee

20. **Members of the Council will appoint the MPSC Members for 2022-2023. Current Members of the Council and Members that wish to serve on the Council in 2022-2023 are also invited to express their wish to serve on the MPSC in 2022-2023. Furthermore, these Members are invited to serve as one of two Co-Chairs of the MPSC and/or Audit Contact Points in 2022-2023.**
21. The MPSC shall consist of those members of the Council who express interest to serve on the MPSC. Members shall express their interest to serve on the MPSC at the time they are expressing their interest to serve on the Council. The MPSC shall be comprised of at least one Contributing Member, one Participating Member, and one Expert/Non-State Actor Member, unless the Council decides otherwise.¹²
22. MPSC members shall serve for a term of two years coinciding with their terms as a Member of the Council. They may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms on the MPSC while a

⁸ Rules of Procedure of the Council, Rule 5(b) states, "Experts or Non-State Actors are in principle eligible to serve up to two consecutive terms, unless otherwise decided by the Council."

⁹ Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council [[C/8/DC/2](#)]

¹⁰ Rule 9(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [[A/4/DC/2](#)] and Rule 11(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council [[C/8/DC/2](#)]

¹¹ As part of Governance Reforms of GGGI, Members decided that the Members of the Bureau of the Council will be the same members as the Bureau of the Assembly [[C/6/DC/6](#)] at the Sixth Session of the Council in November 2014.

¹² Section 2 of Terms of Reference of the MPSC [[C/2021/DC/6](#)]

Member of the Council. Members shall cease to be a Member of the MPSC at the time their term on the Council ends.¹³

23. Two members of the MPSC shall serve as audit contact points. The audit contact points shall review and clear certain categories of internal audit reports and undertake other responsibilities, as provided for in the Financial Regulations of GGGI then in effect. Audit contact points may be Contributing Members, Participating Members, and/or Expert/Non-State Actors or any combination of the same, who express interest to serve as ACPs. Members serving as audit contact points shall remain in that role until their successors are appointed.¹⁴

VI. Expressions of Interest

24. **Members are asked to provide all expressions of interest in written form to governance@gggi.org by October 22, 2021.**

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Annex: Rules on Election Procedure in Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

¹³ Section 2.3 of Terms of Reference of the MPSC [[C/2021/DC/6](#)]

¹⁴ Section 2.4 and 2.5 of Terms of Reference of the MPSC [[C/2021/DC/6](#)]

Annex. Rules on Election Procedure in Rules of Procedure of the Assembly [[A/4/DC/2](#)]

Rule 45 *Method of voting*

- (a) Voting, except for elections, shall normally be by show of hands.
- (b) All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Assembly.

Rule 51 *Elections to fill one elective place*

- (a) If, when one candidate is to be elected, no candidate obtains in the first majority of the votes cast by the members present and voting, a second ballot restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes shall be taken.
- (b) If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.
- (c) In the case of a tie in the first ballot among three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a second ballot shall be held.
- (d) If a tie results among more than two candidates, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

Rule 52 *Elections to fill two or more elective places*

- (a) When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected.
- (b) If the number of candidates obtaining the majority required is less than the number of elective places to be filled, there shall be no more than two ballots in respect of each elective place remaining to be filled.
- (c) If in the first ballot for an unfilled elective place no candidate obtains the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken which shall be restricted to the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot for that elective place.
- (d) If in the second ballot for that elective place the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.